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# News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In December 2001, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued **seven (7) recalls relating to products affecting children.** Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past month.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128 and then press "zero" (0) to speak with Product Safety.** You should leave your name, your organization's name and a phone number.

Following is a listing of the 7 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number:

- ❖ Little Tikes Co. is recalling Lobster Toy attached to Stationary Entertainer. #02-057
- ❖ Brio® Corp. is recalling Curious George Toys. #02-058
- ❖ Kid Cool LLC is recalling Girl's Infant/Toddler Garments sold exclusively at Sears. #02-061
- ❖ Baby Buzz'r International is recalling Toy Baby Buzz'r. #02-062
- ❖ Kids II Inc. is recalling Pop Links Toys. #02-063
- ❖ Sandberg Manufacturer Co. is recalling Children's Dressers. #02-069
- ❖ LaJobi Industries is recalling Cribs. #02-071

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

## "KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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**Recall Number:** 02-057 Little Tikes Co., of Hudson, Ohio, is voluntarily recalling about 260 lobster toys attached to the activity tray of the Ocean Friends Stationary Entertainer. The recall involves Ocean Friends Stationary Entertainer model 4629 GIG. The model number is located underneath the entertainer's tray. The green tray on the stationary entertainer is supported by three adjustable legs and has the words "Little Tikes" printed across the front. The seat, patterned with colorful pictures of sea animals, sits in the center of the unit and swivels so the child can play with the nine toys attached to the tray. The recalled lobster toy is red with black antennae. Only lobsters with black antennae are involved in this recall. Toys R Us stores sold the stationary entertainer with the lobster toy nationwide between October 2001 through November 2001 for about \$60.

**Problem:** The antennae on the lobster toy can break, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should remove the lobster toy from the entertainer immediately and contact Little Tikes for a replacement toy. For more information, consumers can contact Little Tikes toll-free at (888) 883- 7662 anytime or visit the firm's web site at [www.littletikes.com](http://www.littletikes.com).



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02057.html>

**Release Number:** 02-058 BRIO® Corp., of Germantown, Wis., a subsidiary of BRIO AB of Sweden, is voluntarily recalling about 3,100 Curious George toys. These Curious George monkey plush toys are dressed in a yellow plastic space suit with matching gloves. They have a detachable backpack with a red fabric-filled mobile phone attached. The small mobile phone is 1.25-inches by 1.5-inches, and is connected to a gray, mesh backpack by a 4.75-inch string sewn into one of the backpack's

seams. A label in the collar of the space suit reads, "Curious George by BRIO." This is an "Activity George," which is written on the packaging, and is labeled for children ages 18 months and older. The back of the box reads: "Removable backpack with mobile phone!" The recalled toy has model number 32900 written on the front of the box. Specialty toy stores, Internet retailers, and mail order catalogs sold the recalled Curious George toys nationwide from July 2001 through November 2001 for about \$25.

**Problem:** The toys include fabric-filled mobile phones that can pose a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should take these toys away from children immediately and call BRIO to get a refund or replacement toy. For more information, contact BRIO toll-free at (888) 274-6869 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or go to the firm's web site at [www.briotoy.com](http://www.briotoy.com). Consumers also can send the toy to BRIO Corp., SAFETY RECALL, N120 W18485 Freistadt Road, Germantown, WI 53022.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02058.html>

**Release Number:** 02-061 Kid Cool LLC, of New York, N.Y., is voluntarily recalling about 5,100 Baby Cool and Kid Cool girls' jackets and vests. The recalled garments are 100-percent polyester girls' fleece- hooded jackets and sleeveless vests. The garments are pink or violet in color and were sold in both infant sizes 9-24 months and toddler sizes 2T-4T. The garments have a zipper front with a rubber zipper pull attached by a metal ring. Two pockets on the front of the garment have flowers on them. A label sewn on the inside neck of the garments reads "Baby Cool (c)," "Kid Cool

Collections," and "Made in Hong Kong." Sears department stores nationwide exclusively sold these garments from September 2001 through October 2001 for between \$16 and \$19.

**Problem:** The zipper pull and metal ring on these garments can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately remove the zipper pull and the metal ring from these garments and dispose of them.

Consumers can return the garments to any Sears retail store to receive a replacement garment. For additional information, contact Kid Cool LLC at (800) 315-2376 Ext. 183 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday. Consumers also can visit the Sears web site at [www.sears.com](http://www.sears.com).



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02061.html>

**Release Number:** 02-062 Baby Buzz'r International, of Sandy, Utah, is voluntarily recalling about 8,800 Baby Buzz'r toys. Baby Buzz'r is a round plastic baby toy with a face on the front, a red and blue "teethable ear" on each side, and a yellow circular mirror on the back. The Baby Buzz'r toy has three colored buttons (red, green, blue) on the top of the product. When the buttons are depressed the toy vibrates, sounds music, or the eyes light up on the toy. Juvenile specialty stores nationwide, catalogues and internet sites sold the Baby Buzz'r toys from June 2001 through September 2001 for about \$13. Consumers can identify the recalled toys by squeezing the button covers on the top of the toy with pliers. Button covers on toys that are part of the recall can be squeezed out of shape, and button covers on toys not included in the recall can not be squeezed out of shape with pliers. Baby Buzz'r toys currently being sold are not included in this recall.

**Problem:** The red, green and blue button covers on the toy can come off, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled Baby Buzz'r toys away from young children and contact Baby Buzz'r International to participate in the recall. Consumers can contact Baby Buzz'r International toll-free at (866) 222-9289 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. MT Monday through Friday. Consumers also can visit the firm's web site at [www.babybuzzr.com](http://www.babybuzzr.com).



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02062.html>

**Release Number:** 02-063 Kids II Inc., of Alpharetta, Ga., is voluntarily recalling about 20,000 Pop Links toys. Pop Links model 883 with a date code "ND1" molded on the tips of the links are involved in this recall. The toys come in a variety of bright colors with unique shapes and various textures. There are 12 links in a package. The links snap together, creating a chain of links. Mass merchandise and juvenile specialty stores nationwide sold the Pop Links between June 2001 through November 2001 for about \$4. Kids II Pop Links that do not have a date code "ND1" are not subject to this recall.

**Problem:** The tips on the links that snap together like a chain, can break off, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately take the Pop Links toys away from young children and return them to Kids II for a replacement toy. Consumers can contact Kids II toll-free at (877) 325-7056 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday. Consumers can also visit the firm's web site at [www.kidsii.com](http://www.kidsii.com).



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02063.html>

**Release Number:** 02-069 Sandberg Manufacturer Co., of Los Angeles, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 8,200 children's dressers. The recalled 4-drawer children's dressers have the model number (#26224) and production date (09-01 or older) located on the lower half of the back of the dresser. The wooden dressers come in light brown or off-white and have heart-shaped handles. Independent home furnishing stores nationwide sold these dressers from July 1999 through November 2001 for about \$230.

**Problem:** The dresser can tip over during use, posing a serious injury hazard to consumers.

**What to do:** Consumers who have the dressers should immediately stop children from using them. Consumers should contact Sandberg Manufacturer Co. at (800) 498-2979 between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday to receive simple instructions for conducting an in-home repair.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02069.html>

**Release Number:** 02-071 LaJobi Industries Inc., of Edison, N.J., is voluntarily recalling about 400 "Molly" and "Betsy" style wooden cribs. Both cribs have openings on each end panel. The end panels on the "Molly" style cribs are made of solid wood with openings on both sides. The end panels on the "Betsy" style cribs are constructed with wood slats. The model numbers are printed inside the headboard at the bottom.

Molly:

0101327 02 (Natural)  
0101327 11 (Antique Green)  
0101327 12 (Antique White)

Betsy:

0101257 02 (Natural)  
0101257 11 (Antique Green)  
0101257 12 (Antique White)

Juvenile specialty stores nationwide sold the cribs between May 2000 through September

2001 for about \$700 for the Molly model and \$650 for the Betsy model.

**Problem:** These cribs have cut-outs in the end panels that allow young children to get their heads entrapped, resulting in strangulation. The cribs fail to meet CPSC's standards.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using these cribs immediately and contact LaJobi to receive replacement end panels. Consumers can contact LaJobi at (888) 266-2848 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday. Consumers can also visit the firm's web site at [www.bonavita-cribs.com](http://www.bonavita-cribs.com).



Molly

Betsy

- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02071.html>

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